

Remarks

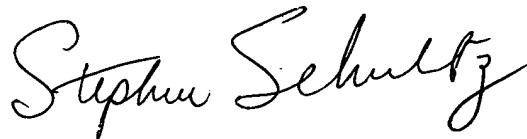
Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of all pending claims in light of the claim of common ownership made above.

All claims rejected in the last office action were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the Mitchell et al patent. (US 7,010,388). 35 USC 103 (c) (1) states "Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person." This criteria is satisfied and accordingly withdrawal of all prior art rejections of the last office action is appropriate.

All claims are allowable and prompt notification of allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 23-0630.

Respectfully submitted,



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